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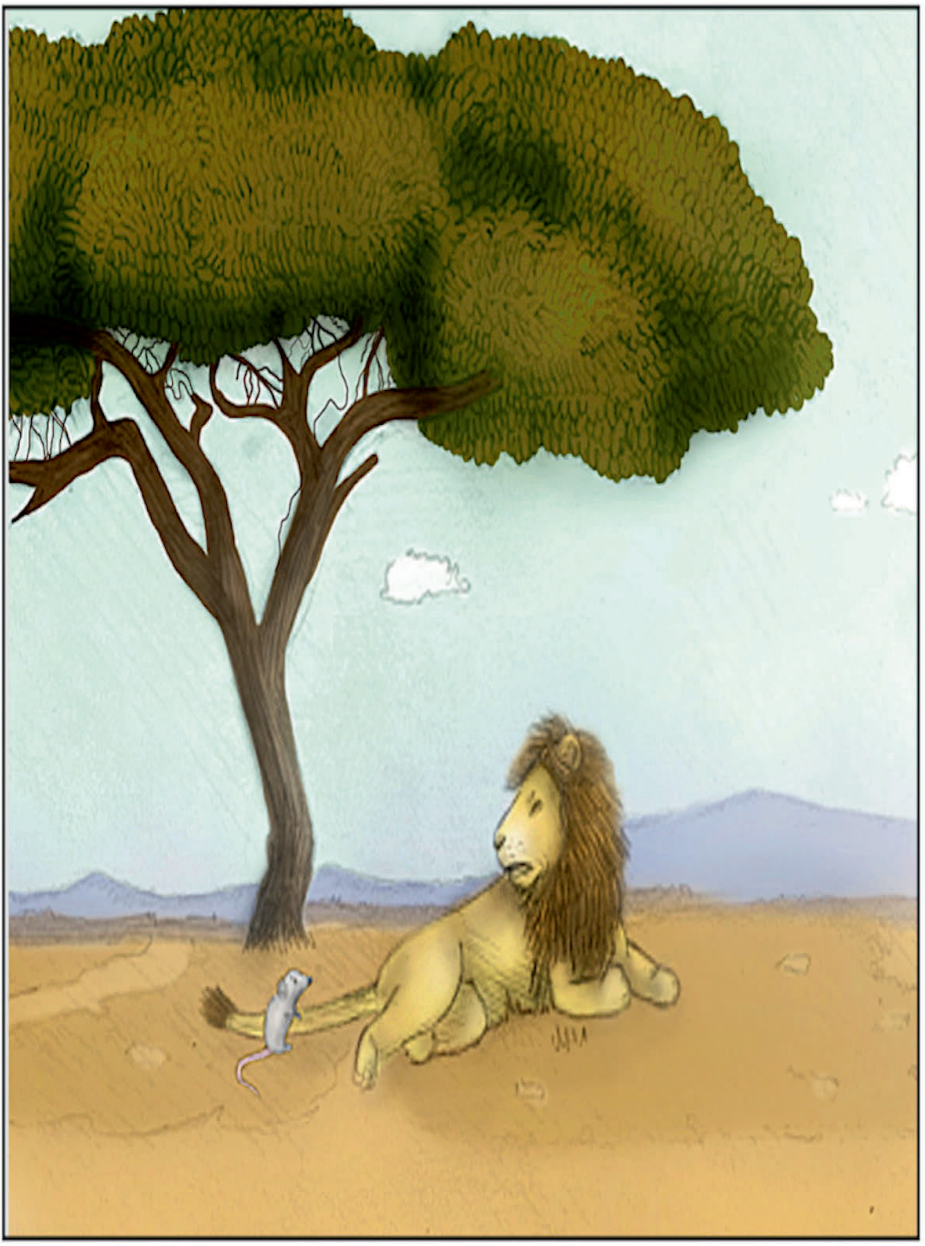


In the shade of a old Baobab tree,

Where an African Lion slept,

A tiny gray mouse

Stumbled over his tail,

And he filled with such fear

That he wept.

With one swipe of the
Lion's great paw. . .

The Mouse was popped into his
mouth.

The Mouse squeaked and he begged
From behind monstrous teeth. . .
"Oh please, let me out,

LET ME OUT!"

Now why, should I let you go,

When I really need something to

munch?

You fell over my tail,

disturbing my sleep,

Now it's noon and time for my lunch."

Oh you're the mighty

'King of Beast',

I'll do what you command.

Someday I may come back this way

And help *YOU*

When I can."

The Lion laughed his mighty roar,

This Mouse had made his day,

He yawned and stretched. . .

This beastly cat,

As the Mouse scurried away.

How a wee tiny mouse could help him,

The lion could not see,

But he laughed and he chuckled in spite of himself. . .

In the shade of the old Baobab tree.

Oh the seasons changed,

and time moved on,

While the lion lay at rest,

Hunters came with guns

and tied him up,

Now he dangled in their net.”

The hunters had strong cages
To take home what they had sought,

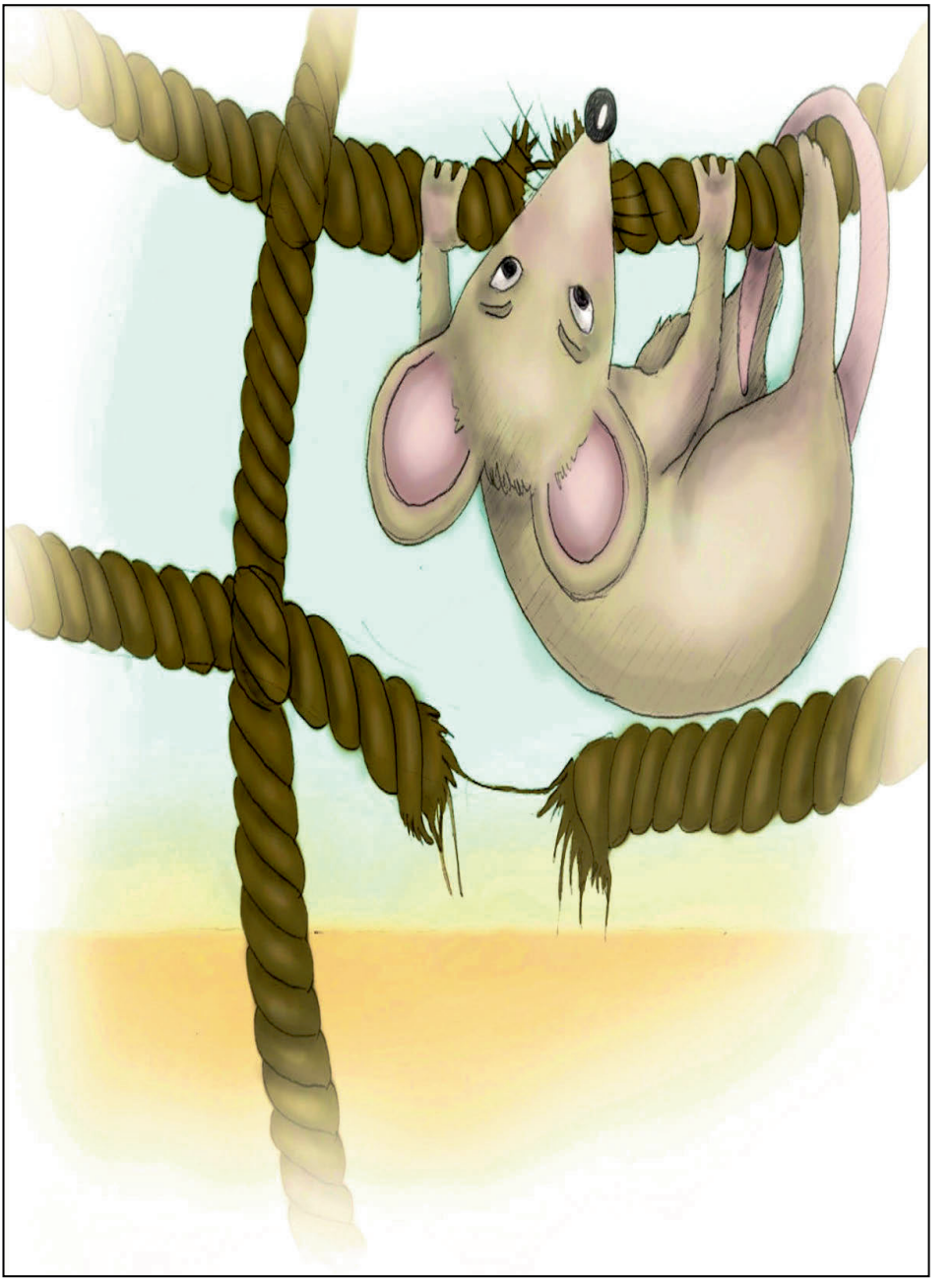
Back to the zoo - so all could view

The *lion* they had caught!

When suddenly the little mouse. . .

Appeared next to the tree.
He started gnawing through the ropes. . .

Then said, “Remember me?”



Don’t make a sound

or turn around,

For I know what I must do.

I only need a minute here,

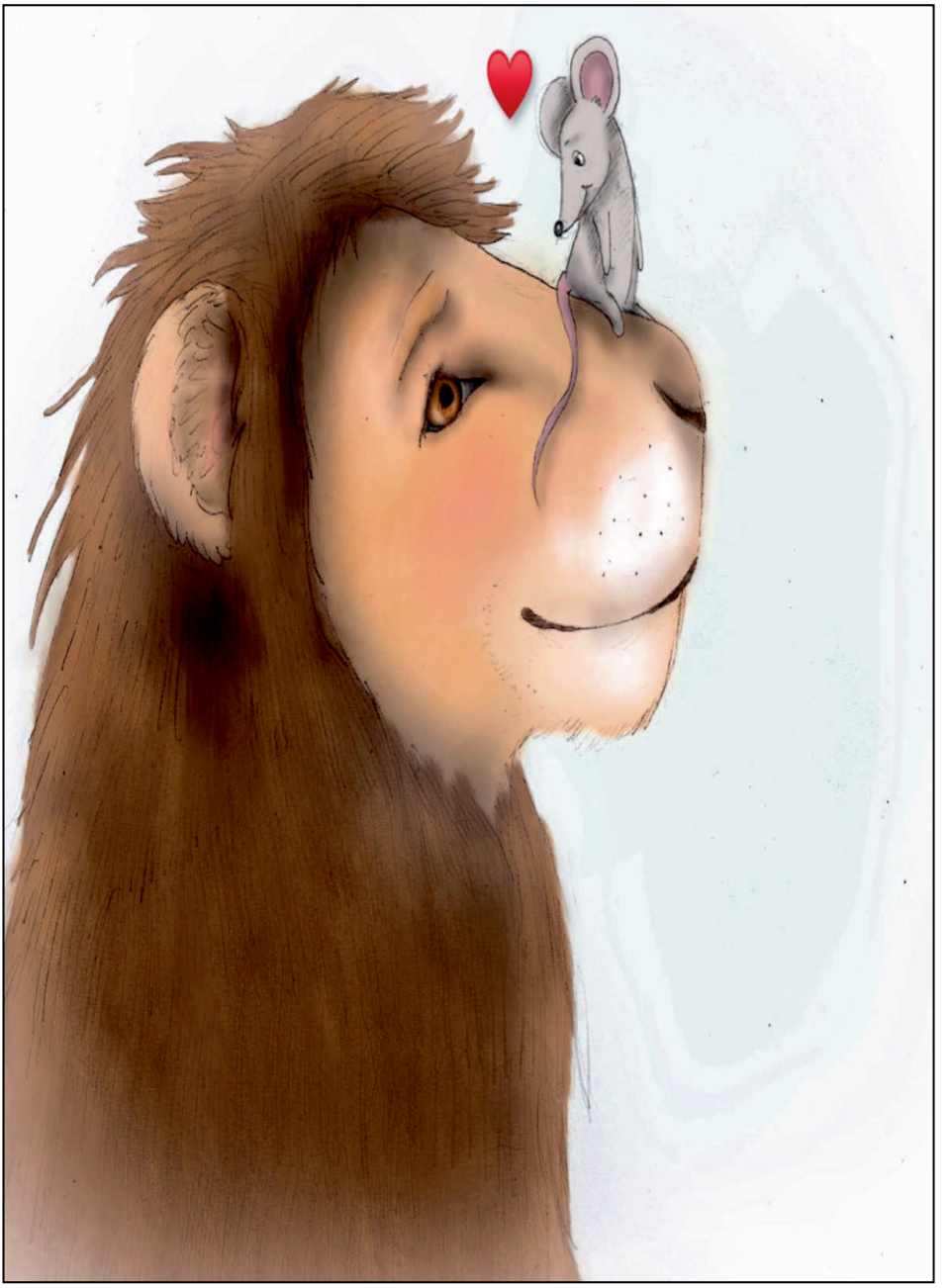
Well, maybe one or two!”

I told you I'd come back some day,

When you'd need help from me."

And so he chewed right through the ropes ,

Which set the lion free.



The lion learned a lesson,

On true friends he could rely,

And gifts can come in packages of

every shape and size.

This mighty lion and tiny mouse -

Quickly ran away.

For one good deed deserves another,

Is still very true today.

The End

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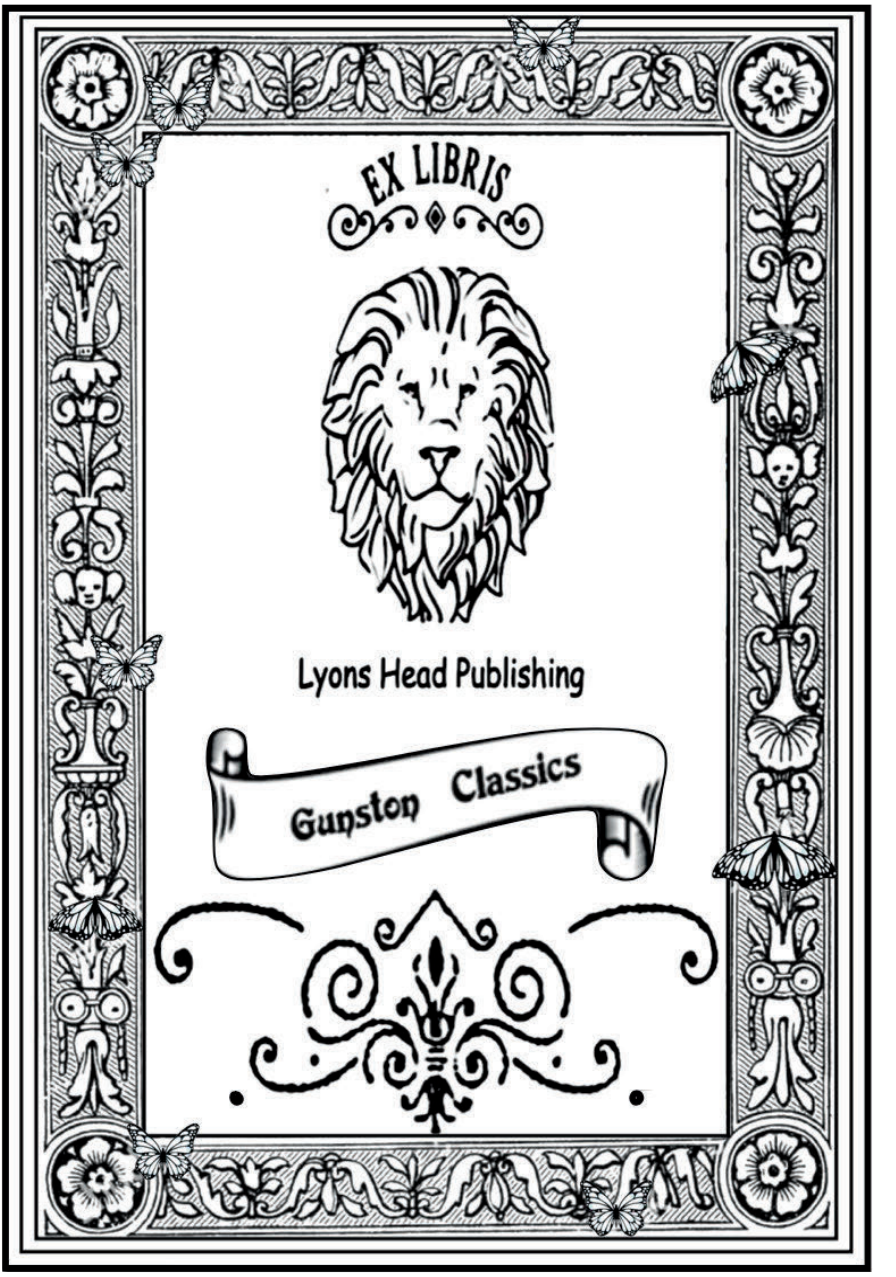
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